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RADIO & TV

1. CBS R. & TV - KALB FROM JERUSALEM: HAK CONCLUDED HIS TALKS HERE WITH A MORNING MEETING AND A LUNCH WITH PM RABIN AND OTHER TOP ISRAELI LEADERS. THE SECY IS DELIBERATELY NOT PRESSING FOR A QUICK NEGOTIATION NOW BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARABS. HE BELIEVES THIS IS THE WRONG TIME FOR A DEAL, THE RIGHT TIME TO CONSIDER THE FULL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RABAT SUMMIT. FOR ISRAEL THE TRANSLATION IS SIMPLE -- HOW TO CO-EXIST WITH THE PALESTINIANS ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AND OVER THE LONG HAUL. EVER SINCE RABAT, ISRAEL HAS UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSIDERABLY INCREASED HER CONTACTS WITH PALESTINIANS ON THE WEST BANK, OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO FIND OUT, HOWEVER BELATEDLY, WHETHER THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE PLO. THERE IS NO BIG DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT HERE TODAY,THOUGH THE

SECY DID MANAGE TO ARRANGE A FRAMEWORK FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS, FOCUSING ON FURTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWALS IN THE SINAI AND, IN SOME DEGREE, HE DID DISPELL THE GLOOM AND DESPAIR GENERATED BY RABAT AND FELT HERE, AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE.
WIRES -

1. UPI - JERUSALEM: HAK APPROACHED END OF HIS ME PEACE MISSION TRYING TO ARRANGE A NEW ROUND OF ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN TALKS FOR TROOP PULLBACKS IN SINAI. HAK MET WITH PM RABIN AFTER AN ISRAELI CABINET MTG DEVOTED TO DISCUSSING RESULTS OF HAKS TALKS WITH ARAB LEADERS. A GOVT COMMUNIQUE SAID THE SESSION "WAS INFORMATIVE, IN NATURE, AND THE CABINET WAS NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE ANY DECISION."

NEWSPAPER HA'ARETZ SAID HAK BROUGHT "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE" FROM SADAT FOR QUOTE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE END QUOTE. HA'ARETZ SAID EGYPT WANTED TO SEND A MILITARY-LEVEL TEAM TO PROPOSED TALKS, BUT ISRAELIS WOULD BE SENDING QUOTE A POLITICAL DEL APPARENTLY TO INCLUDE MIL EXPERTS END QUOTE. NEWSPAPER SAID THE MOST LIKELY LOCATION FOR TALKS WAS WASHINGTON WHERE HAK COULD BE CLOSE AT HAND. IT SAID NEGOTIATIONS COULD BEGIN BY END OF THIS MONTH, MINIMIZING DANGER OF A SLOWDOWN THAT COULD BE INCREASE THE THREAT OF FIGHTING.

UPI JERUSALEM: HAK CALLED FORMER PREZ NIXON AND PERSONALLY WISHED HIM A SPEEDY RECOVERY, SPOKESMAN ANDERSON SAID. ANDERSON SAID HAK ALSO CONFERRED BY TELEPHONE WITH PREZ FORD AT CLOSE OF HIS DIP JOURNEY THRU ME.

UPI TEL AVIV: HAK REASSURED ISRAEL TODAY THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN US POLICY ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND SAID BOTH COUNTRIES WERE IN AGREEMENT ON COURSE OF FUTURE ME PROGRESS TO PEACE. HAK THEN TOOK OFF FOR TUNIS. IN AIRPORT DEP STATEMENT HAK SUMMARIZED MORE THAN 5 HOURS OF TALKS WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS BY SAYING CHANCES OF
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CONTINUED MOMENTUM HAD NOT BEEN SQUELCHED BY ARAB RECOGNITION OF PLO AS SOLE REPS OF PALESTINIANS. QUOTE WE AGREED THAT IN THE NEW CONDITIONS THAT EXIST IN THE RECENT MONTHS, WE HAVE TO CONSIDER VERY CAREFULLY WHAT CAN BE DONE," KISSINGER TOLD NEWSMEN AT BEN-GURION INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. "WE BELIEVE THAT POSSIBILITIES DO EXIST. THE TALKS HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD. WE KNOW WHERE WE ARE GOING. END QUOTE

2. AP - SCHWEID - JERUSALEM - HAK AND ISRAELI OFFICIALS TODAY DISCUSSED TECHNICAL DETAILS OF NEW ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS TO ARRANGE ANOTHER WITHDRAWAL OF

ISRAELI FORCES IN THE SINAI DESERT.
ISRAELI SOURCES SAID HAK WANTS NEGOTIATIONS TO START AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT BOTH JERUSALEM AND CAIRO ARE

WILLING.

BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN TALKING QUOTE MORE ABOUT MODALITIES
THAN ABOUT THE CONTEXT OF ANY TALKS, END QUOTE ONE SOURCE
SAID.

SOURCES SAID ISRAELIS HAD BEEN INSISTING THAT THE
EGYPTIANS MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF NONBELLIGERENCY
TOWARD ISRAEL BUT WERE NOW WILLING TO ACCEPT A DE FACTO
NONBELLIGERENCY.

CAIRO WANTS A SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER TO HEAD ITS DEL TO
TALKS WHILE ISRAEL SAYS IT WILL SEND A SENIOR POLITICAL
FIGURE, SOURCES REPORTED.

THEY ADDED THAT THE ISRAELIS WANT THE NEGOTIATIONS HELD
IN WASHINGTON.

INFORMED SOURCES SAID PM RABIN ALSO TOLD HAK THAT HIS
GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE PLO UNDER ANY
CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE ISRAELIS FEARED AMERICAN PRESSURE TO DRIVE THEM TO
THE TABLE WITH THE PLO AFTER PRESIDENT FORD SAID THAT
ISRAEL SHOULD BE NEGOTIATING WITH EITHER JORDAN OR THE
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GUERRILLAS TO SETTLE THE FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK.

KISSINGER, ON HIS ARRIVAL FROM DAMASCUS THURSDAY NIGHT,
TRIED TO QUIET THOSE FEARS BY SAYING QUOTE THERE IS NO
CHANGE IN AMERICAN POLICY ON ANY OF THE ISSUES END QUOTE.
BUT THIS WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO REASSURE THE ISRAELIS,
SOURCES SAID.

NEWSPAPERS

WASHPAST & BOSTGLOBE: MARDER, PAGE 1: (POST HAS FRONT PAGE
PIC HAK & HUSSEIN) HAK REACHED THIS SOMBER CITY TO-
NIGHT AT END OF HIS JET-SWEEP THRU ME SEEKING TO DISPEL
GLOOM HERE OVER FUTURE ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS. EN
ROUTE ISRAEL FROM SYRIA, HAK SAID HE HAS BEEN OBLIGED TO
POSTPONE HIS INTENDED TRIP TO TURKEY THIS W/END BECAUSE
GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS THERE BLOCKS ANY NEW MOVE IN GREEK-
TURKISH CRISIS OVER CYPRUS. HERE ON A DAMAGE-
LIMITATION MISSION TO SALVAGE HIS STEP-BY-STEP DIP-
LOMACY AFTER RABAT SUMMIT, HAK TOLD WARY ISRAELI LEADERS

TONIGHT THAT HE BELIEVES THAT HE HAS ACHIEVED PROGRESS. A GRIM MOOD PERVADED ISRAEL ON HAK'S ARRIVAL AS RESULT OF UN VOTE TO INVITE PLO TO ADDRESS ASSEMBLY AND ARAB SUMMIT DESIGNATION OF PLO AS "SOLE REPRESENTATIVES" OF PALESTINIANS. ALLON WELCOMING HAK AT AIRPORT SAID "WE THINK THAT THESE TWO EVENTS ARE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE-VERY HARMFUL TO EFFORT OF ACHIEVING PEACE. NEVERTHELESS, WE MUSTN'T GET DESPERATE. ALL THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN PEACE," INCLUDING HAK, "ONE OF THE GREATEST BELIEVERS IN THE NECESSITY OF PEACE IN THIS AREA," WILL DO THEIR BEST TO SEE TO IT THAT THE MOMENTUM IS NOT LOST. HAK SAID HE AND ISRAELI LEADERS WILL REVIEW RECENT EVENTS WITH TRADITIONAL "FRANKNESS, CORDIALITY AND WARMTH."

NYDAILYNEWS: CARTER, PAGE 6: HEADLINE: HAK CALMS ISRAEL'S FEARS OF US FOREIGN POLICY FLIP. JERUSALEM - HAK ASSURED WORRIED ISRAELIS TONIGHT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN U.S. ME POLICY AND PROMISED THEM THAT U.S. WOULD CONTINUE "TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT ON A STEP-BY-STEP BASIS TO CONTRIBUTE TO A JUST AND LASTING PEACE." HAK FOUND ISRAELIS WORRIED THAT RECENT STATEMENT BY UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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PREZ AND WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN MIGHT SIGNAL A POSSIBLE CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY ON RECOGNITION OF AL COMMANDOS. HAK ASSURED ISRAELIS "SINCE MY LAST VISIT, THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN AMERICAN POLICY ON ANY OF ISSUES BEFORE US."

BALTSUN: MILLS-JERUSALEM, PAGE 1: HAK ABRUPTLY CANCELED HIS PLAN TO VISIT ANKARA AFTER A NEW GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS AND ANTI-HAK DEMONSTRATION HERE. HE HAD WORKED OUT AN ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH TURKEY WOULD HAVE MADE A GESTURE TOWARDS COMPROMISE - PRESUMABLY INVOLVING WITHDRAWAL OF SOME OF ITS TROOPS ON CYPRUS - LEADING TO NEW TURKISH-GREEK NEGOTIATIONS. ARRANGEMENT HAD BEEN

. APPROVED BY ECEVIT AND HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH GREEK OFFICIALS AS WELL. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED AS FINALE OF ANKARA VISIT. BUT ECEVIT'S CONTINUING INABILITY TO FORM A STABLE GOVERNMENT MEANT THAT HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE ANKARA WOULD DELIVER ON DEAL. AMERICAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE NOW IT MAY BE SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE POL SITUATION IN TURKEY HAS SETTLED DOWN ENOUGH TO MAKE WAY FOR TURKISH GESTURES THAT ARE SEEN AS NECESSARY CONDITIONS TO NEW CYPRUS NEG.

NYTIMES: GWERTZMAN, PAGE 3: (PIX OF HAK WILL ALLON AND HAK WITH HUSSEIN: JERUSALEM - ... ON ARRIVING HERE, HAK SOUGHT TO ASSURE ISRAELIS THAT THE U.S. HAD NOT CHANGED ITS POLICY TOWARD PLO DESPITE DECISION OF ARAB LEADERS

TO RECO GUERRILLA GROUP AS SOLE LEGITIMATE REP OF
PALESTINIANS AND THAT MOST EFFECTIVE WAY FOR MAKING
PROGRESS ON PAL QUESTION WOULD BE THRU ISRAEL-JORDANIAN
NEGOTIATIONS. THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY ISRAEL. AS HAK
WAS PURSUING ME DIPLOMACY, HIS CONCURRENT EFFORTS TO
SETTLE CYPRUS PROBLEM MET WITH A SETBACK. POLITICAL
CRISTS IN TURKEY WHERE ATTEMPTS TO FORM A NEW GOVT
COLLAPSED, FORCED HAK TO CANCEL A PLANNED VISIT TO
ANKARA.

HAK REPORTEDLY LEFT HIS TALKS WITH HUSSEIN WITH A PERSONAL
VIEW THAT THE KING SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED OUT COMPLETELY
FROM NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS POSSIBLE ACCORDING TO HAK AND
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OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS THAT IF ARAB COUNTRIES REALIZE THAT
ISRAEL WILL NOT DEAL WITH PLO, JORDAN MAY BE ASKED
TO TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR REGAINING TERRITORY.

IN SYRIAN CAPITAL, ASSAD WAS SAID TO HAVE TOLD HAK THAT
PAL PROBLEM HAK HAD TO RECEIVE PRIORITY IN STEPS
TOWARD PEACE. HAK REPORTEDLY INSISTED THAT BY GIVING
PLO AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTOR ANY WEST BANK AREAS ISRAEL
MAY YIELD, THE ARAB LEADERS WERE IN EFFECT RULING OUT
RECOVERY OF ANY LAND BECAUSE ISRAEL COULD NOT BE EXPECTED
TO DEAL WITH A GROUP THAT HAS CONSISTENTLY CALLED FOR
THE DESTRUCION OF ISRAEL.

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